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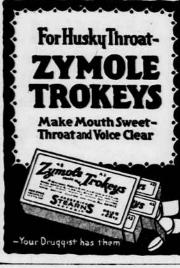
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Col. Roosevelt Scores Preparedness Plan in Letter to Security League.

ADVOCATES A SYSTEM MODELED AFTER SWISS

Former Chief Executive Asserts President Wilson Has Permitted Slaughter of Americans.

The name of Theodore Roosevelt and his attitude toward increased military preparedness was cheered to the echo last night at the convention of the National Security League, when his sister Mrs. Theodore Douglas Robinson, read a letter from him urging the country

Former President Roosevelt's letter declared that the proposal by the administration for a continental army "is a sham." He took issue with President Wilson, declaring that "the President says that when the naval program is finished we will have twenty-five effect tive battleships for the second line of efense—the general board, on the contrary, shows that we will have but fit only for harbor defense, or a third line." He advocated universal military service for the United States "on the Swice and Australian models, adapted to our own needs."

The former President's letter was, in part, as follows:

"During the last three years we have been technically at peace. But during those three years more of our citizens have been killed by Mexicans, Germans, Austrians and Haitians than were killed during the entire Spanish war. It is true that the American citizens killed listrue that the American citizens killed during the past three years have been mostly non-combatants, including women and children, although many men wearing the national uniform have also been killed, some of them on American soil. But the fact that women and children are killed instead of full-grown men in uniform surely increases instead of diminishes the horror.

"Killed on Our Own Soil."

"We have had a great many more citizens killed during this time of alleged peace, and thanks to the activities of the emissaries of foreign governments with the torch and the bomb on our own soil, we have had much more American property destroyed than was the case during the open war with Spain; and whereas no benefit whatever has come from this loss of life and de-

March last amount to between 2,000 and 2,100. The campaign against them has been a campaign of sheer murder, has been a campaign of sheer murder, on a vaster scale than any indulged in in a like time by any of the old-time pirates of the Indian ocean and the spanish main. Now, the total number of lives of non-combatants, including many hundreds of women and children, thus taken exceeds many times over the aggregate in all the sea fights of the war of 1812, both on the American and on the British side. It is over double the number of lives lost by the British sallors in Nelson's three great victories at the battle of Trafalgar, at the battle of the Nile and the battle of the Baltic combined. It much exceeds the total number of lives lost in the Union navy—and, indeed, in the Union nion navy-and, indeed, in the Union and Confederate navies combined-during the civil war.

"Base and Cowardly."

"The United States senator or gov rnor of a state, or other public repesentative, who takes the position that our citizens should not, in accordance with their lawful rights, travel on such ships, and that we need not

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conscious of her possibilities and fully sard as serious. He said, in part:
ware that these may be realized only by the exercise of naval and military provess. Ambitious to dominate the lack will be made good in succeeding years.
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"At present what is needed is immediately to strain every nerve of the government, so that this year of the government, so that this year of the government, so that this year of the fighting battleships and formidable speedy armed cruisers.

Other Arms of Service.

"We need the best types of sea-going submarines. We need an immense development of the Aviation Corps. I wonder how many of our people understand that at this time the total strength of the officers and men in the French Aviation Corps surpasses in number the total strength of the officers and men in the French Aviation Corps surpasses in number the total strength of the officers and men in the French Aviation Corps surpasses in the submarines. Believe of the officers and men in the French Aviation Corps surpasses in the case of the content of the officers and men in the French Aviation Corps surpasses in the packs, and the content of the officers and men in the French Aviation Corps surpasses in the packs, and the total strength of the officers and men in the French Aviation Corps surpasses in the packs, and the content of the officers and men in the French Aviation Corps surpasses in the packs, and the content of the officers and men in the French Aviation Corps surpasses in the packs, and the content of the officers and men in the French Aviation Corps surpasses in the packs, and the content of the officers and men in the French Aviation Corps surpasses in the packs, and the content of the officers and enlisted men in the United States Army.

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tween the ages of eighteen and twentyone.

"The proposed continental army is a
sham. It would be merely an inefficient
rival of the National Guard. For a
year or so, during the period of novelty, it might attract some men. But we
cannot expect men to sacrifice their
business interests and put themselves
at a disadvantage compared to their
less patriotic business rivals as a permanent thing. They ought not to do
it; and it is an outrage to ask them to
do it. Military training should be required as a matter of right and not
asked as a matter of favor of all our
citizens. In a free democracy the nation has a right to the service of its
citizens both in war and in peace."

# SECURITY LEAGUE SPEAKERS ATTACK FOREIGN POLICIES

(Continued from First Page.)

Hall, at 8:15 o'clock, and will be open to the public.

The presiding officer will be John Purroy Mitchel, mayor of New York city, sent to the league's convention as the personal representative of the Governor of New York. A great delegation of New Yorkers is attending the convention, and this morning 150 prominent Marylanders, members of the Maryland League for National Defense, arrived in Washington on a special train and marched into the convention hall to take part in the proceedings, amid cheers from the other delegates.

## Urges Adequate Naval Force for Defense of the Coasts

on Atlantic and Pacific

Henry A. Wise Wood, chairman of he conference committee on national defense, of New York outlined today before the convention of the National Security League "an adequate naval policy for the United States," which he reduced, in part, to these terms: "Maintain at all times in the Atlantic

a force superior to that of Germany

"Maintain at all times in the Pacific force superior to that of Japan; and "Endeavor to protect the Panama

Mr. Wood told something of what he declares are the ambitions of Germany declares are the ambitions of Germany and Japan, and said, in part:

"If we intend to defend our position in the northern continent against invasion directly by way of the Atlantic, we have 5,720 miles of coast to be considered; if against invasion directly by way of the Pacific we have 10,940 miles to be dealt with.

Immense Coast Lines.

"The north and east coasts of South America measure 8,500 miles, and its west coast 5,300 miles. If it be our intention to continue to support the Monroe doctrine we shall have to defend in this hemisphere 14,220 miles

Monroe doctrine we shall have to defend in this hemisphere 14,220 miles and Red Cross delivered a brief address of coast upon the Atlantic side and 18,240 miles upon the Pacific side, or upon both sides, 30,460 miles, which is considerably more than the circumference of the earth.

"The foregoing makes it plain that these coasts cannot be defended from without, if they be defended at all. For this purpose a navy is needed. It becomes necessary, therefore, to determine what is a navy sufficient for the purpose, in size and kind.

"Turning now to the subject of our policies, it may be said with accuracy that we have no foreign policies at we have no foreign policies at we have no foreign merchant ships, we offer no armed interference, nor do we offer armed interference when our citizens, while upon foreign merchant ships, we offer no armed interference when our citizens, while upon foreign soil are destroyed, their wives and children outraged, their property confiscated. Furthermore, it is to be an endowment fund of thirteen millions, and there are millions in the endowment of less than \$300,000. And yet with this meager membership and this small endowment it has provided already a definite plan and has an ergoing nations. If, for instance, the Japanese fleet, convoying troop transports, should appear off the coasts of California, or of adjacent Mexico, with the command that we abandon our Asiatic exclusion policy or fight, and the canal were blocked, I doubt not we should instantly abandon our exclusion policy.

Reaction of Opinion.

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co-operation our next wars probably will determine. Meanwhile, it is upon the assumption that we shall have to bear in full the brunt of our defense against a coalition of powers making common cause against us that we shall have to formulate our naval policy.

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"Ble from a strategic point of view. Either project will provide for free access to the navy yard.

"The increase in the size of ships has not yet reached its limit.

"Through injuries received in battle a ship could readily be drawing more water than normally at a time when it was most necessary to dock her.

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"It is, therefore, most urgent that an approach channel to the New York navy yard be maintained of not less than thirty-five feet depth at mean low water and 1,000 feet wide, and I cannot too strongly urge the serious attention of Congress to this matter."

Robert Bacon Says the Call on Americans by Americans

tional Security League, at the New

Letter From Col. Roosevelt.

calling on the nation to arm, and which

is reprinted elsewhere in The Star to-

day, also aroused intense enthusiasm

CONVENTION NOTES.

Henry L. West, former Commission-

er of the District of Columbia and a

former newspaper man of Washingon, arrived in Washington yesterday

HENRY L. WEST. to assist with the organization and

management of the convention of the

About six months ago Mr. West went retary of the National Security League Dr. J. E. Hausman, secretary of the

Most of the delegates to the conven-

tive.
Included in the New York delegation

National Security League at the New

Willard Hotel

### Henry Woodhouse Explains Sounds From House to House **Needs of United States Navy** Robert Bacon, former ambassador to for Its Aviation Equipment

Rear Admiral Colby M. Chester, U. S. V., retired, presented today at the convention of the National Security League at the New Willard Hotel an analysis nade by Henry Woodhouse of the Aero Club of America, of the needs of the and naval aeronautics. Mr. Woodhouse was unable to be present. His paper

"The navy needs immediately: "(1) At least three more aviation stations at important naval centers in the United States and one at each of the important naval bases in the Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, Guantanamo, the Panama Canal Zone and Porto Rico, with between twenty to forty seaplanes and aeroplanes at each base.

"(2) At least two fully equipped mother ships for seaplanes, with at least one dozen aviators and twice as many seaplanes permanently assigned to each ship.

"(3) The navy should acquire large seaplanes for submarine warfare and tornedo launching.

"The army has at present only one aviation station, at San Diego. The station consists essentially of half a dozen hangars. The army has charge of the work of coast defense, and the half dozen aeroplanes at San Diego are all there are to protect miles of coast.

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There should be at least eight avia on stations at or near different military centers, with at least two full squadrons at each station. "In Europe they allow an aeroplane

for each battery; we might allow one aeroplane to three batteries. "To start this work for the army would cost \$5,000,000.

would cost \$5,000,000.

"The militia is the backbone of our defense and has formed the bulk of our fighting forces in all past wars. The militia has not any aeroplanes, excepting the few secured by subscription.

"Forty-eight states have a National Guard, twenty-three states have also naval militia organizations. If each were supplied with the equipment inside of a year there would be seventy-the militia aero companies with four aeroplanes and as many trained militia flyers to each company.

"To create this valuable reserve of £84 aeroplanes and aviators would cost only \$7,100,000 to provide, or \$100,000 for each company." tense enthusism when he asserted: "The nation is astir with a new feel "The nation is astir with a new feeling; there is an awakening throughout the land. The call for Americans to save Americans is sounding from house to house and from city to city, like that call which on the 18th day of April, 1775, went through every Middlesex village and farm, and I believe the answer will be as strong and clear as it was then."

Miss Boardman Discusses **Duty of American Public** 

Duty of American Public
Toward National Red Cross

Miss Mabel Boardman of the execute committee of the American National Red Cross delivered a brief address day before the convention of the ational Security League at the New Willard Hotel on the duty of citizens of this country to "prepare adequately" or the sick and wounded men who may be called upon to defend their country.

Miss Boardman said, in part:

"Japan, with a population of 40,000,-10, has a membership in its Red Cross of 1,800,000. Germany, with a population of 1,800,000. Germany, with a population of 1,800,000. Germany, with a population of schools. tive committee of the American Nation-

care of the sick and wounded men who defend their country, through the medium of the American Red Cross, the

mance with their lawful rights, travel on such ships, and that we need not take action about their deaths, occupies a position precisely and exactly as base and as cowardly (and I use those wordh with scientific precision) as is his wife's face was siapped on the public streets and the only action he took was to tell her to stay in the house.

"Every man who is both intelligent and patriotic must therefore advocate preparedness, thorough-going and adequate, and therefore the willingness to incur the necessary expense for financing preparedness."

"For eighteen months, with this world-cyclone before our eyes, we, as a made to the American army or navy so far, because of anything that has occurred in this war, and not the slightest step has yet been taken look, ing toward the necessary preparedness, Such national spirit, preparedness, nor national shortisghtedness, such national shor

Not Deep Enough to Insure

Safe Passage of Warships

The fact that there is not sufficient water, at times, in the channels leading to the Brooklyn navy yard to insure entering or leaving the yard of the larger battleships recently built was made public today at the convention of the National Security League at the No. 8 Bridge street, New York city. reading of a copy of a letter from Sec-retary Daniels to Speaker Clark, dated January 8, 1916.

The letter was read by Representa-

an address he delivered on the value of waterways as a means of defense. In his letter Mr. Daniels describes the situation outside of the Brooklyn navy yard as serious. He said, in part:

| Included in the New York delegation are Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of War; George W. Wickersham and James M. Beck, both former Attorneys General of the United States; Gen. John F. O'Ryan, head of the state National Guard, and Henry A. Wise Wood.

Comprehensive plans for use of the allroads in mobilizing the army are being drawn up by Secretary Garrison in co-operation with a committee of railroad officials headed by Fairfax France and former Secretary of State, Harrison, president of the Southern delivered an address at last night's railroad.

Secretary Garrison announced today meeting of the convention of the Nathat the committee has been authorized by all the railroads to give him full information as to equipment and

Charles S. Reed, warden of the Min-

esota state penitentiary, and Ralph W. Wheelock of the board of control of the prison, appeared before the Sen-Wednesday in opposition to the passage of the Hughes bill to regulate the in-

The two officials explained that the The two officials explained that the Minnesota convicts were engaged in the manufacture of twine and harvesting machinery in competition with the International Harvester Company, and that it was highly desirable for the success of the undertaking that the surplus production, particularly in years of poor crops in Minnesota, be sold outside that state.

BETTER SHIP INSPECTION.

Proposed to Repeal Law Placing Limit on Assistants.

The law limiting the employment of ssistant steamship inspectors to ports clearing more than 225 ships annually would be repealed by a bill reported avorably yesterday by the House merhant marine and fisheries committee. Since the law was passed, ships have increased greatly in size and as a result a hardship is worked on ports clearing small numbers of large boats, it is said. The inspectors would receive from \$1,500 yearly on the great lakes to \$2,400 in the ports of New York.

DAISY CHAIN IN DISFAVOR.

Vassar Students Say Commencement

Feature Is Mere Beauty Contest. POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., January 21. -The daisy chain, a feature of Vassar Sollege commencement, will be elimi-

nated next June and perhaps abolished. The senior class at Vassar voted recently to abandon the practice of choosing twenty-four of the prettiest girls in the sophomore class to carry the famous chain.

This decision is attributed to the growth of a sentiment among Vassar students that the daisy chain is not in harmony with Vassar's democratic ideals and that the selection of the girls to carry the chain has become a beauty contest. eauty contest. Miss Dorothy Bailey, chairman of the

class day committee, announces that the whole sophomore class will take part in the exercises next June and will small garlands of smilax

SENATE TO RESUME MONDAY. Adjournment Taken to Give Committees Time to Work.

In order to permit the committees to legislation, the Senate adjourned last night until Monday. This course was decided on at a conference of administration senators. The Philippine bill will be taken up Monday and a vote probably will be reached within a few days. By that time it is hoped that conservation measures and the rural credits bill will be ready. There is no expectation of national defense measures being reported for many weeks.

Only One "BROMO QUININE.

Plan to Transfer Consul Higgins.

Arrangements to transfer American off city, said he was surp Consul Edward Higgins from Stutt- gratified to find so many other data to supplement that already gart, Germany, to some other country in possession of the Army War College, are being made today by the State De- over the country to attend :

Porto Rican Bill Favored.

The Porto Rican government reor ganization bill, pending for several years, has been ordered favorably reported by the House insular affairs committee. It would liberalize home terstate transportation of convict- government on the island, providing an elective senate as well as the present elective house, create a public utilities

SAYS BUSINESS MEN FAVOR PREPAREDNESS

Gen. Harries, Former D. C. Militia Commander, Tells of Sentiment

Maj. Gen. George H. Harries, D. C. N. G., retired, has arrived in Washington to serve as a delegate to the convenon resolutions of the National Security Gen Harries, who came

ome in Omaha, Neb, with the delega-

in possession of the Army War College.

The work is in line with President Wilson's suggestion that full information is necessary for the mobilization of the nation's resources. Secretary Daniels and the navy advisory board already have begun collecting data on manufacturing plants. Secretary Houston has informed the President the Department of Agriculture constantly has in its possession accurate information regarding food supplies.

The President has discussed the question of industrial preparedness with all the members of his cabinet.

Investigation Is Desired.

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Investigation of interests seeking to influence waterways legislation is asked in a resolution introduced by Representative Frear of Wisconsin. It names specifically the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, the Alabama Power Company, the Atlantic Coast Dredge Owners' Association and "The Mississippi River Lobby."

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Takking vith a number of these many of them were only too glad to pay their own specific in the resolutions in the public interest. Many of them thought they own specific in the resolution in committee was held this afternoon in the cabinet room of the New Willard Hotel. Gen. Luke E. Wright, former Secretary of War, is chairman of the committee, Other members include Gen. Woodhull of Washington, Robert Ba-con, former Secretary of State; Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of War, and Sidney Ballou of Honolulu, H. I.

Frank B. Measley, seventy-five, died at his home near Freeland, Md. He is survived by twelve children, twenty-one grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



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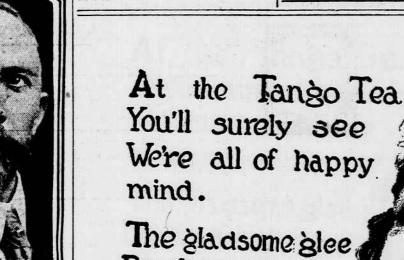
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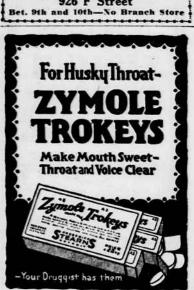


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